



Statement of Commitment
for participation in the
Vermont Community of Health Educators

(school name)

I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this statement of commitment is to clearly identify the benefits and responsibilities of *(health educator's name)* _____'s participation in the AOE-sponsored Vermont Community of Health Educators (VCHE) for the 2013-2014 school year.

VCHE Objectives:

By the end of the 2013-2014 school year, VCHE participants will have:

- increased their knowledge of and comfort level with teaching a variety of health education concepts
- improved classroom practices through reflection and application of new skills

Benefits of Membership:

- Focused series of professional development events
- Peer mentorship
- Stay current on adolescent health matters
- Pedagogical skills-building based on current best practice
- Learn from experts in the field

Responsibilities of Membership:

- Two-day summer institute held on **August 14 and 15, 2013** (Montpelier)
- Two all-day face-to-face sessions during the school year **October 17, 2013 and March 19, 2014** (central Vermont)
- Being a peer mentor (paired, shared mentorship with another VCHE member). Activities will vary and will depend largely upon the objectives of the dyad.

II. BACKGROUND

VCHE provides members with a dynamic network of professional and personal support including professional development tailored to the needs of health education professionals across Vermont and opportunities to connect with health educator colleagues for rich and meaningful discussions about the state of health education across our state and nationally. This network

provides the opportunity to stay current on what is happening in the environment surrounding K-12 health education.

VCHE participation includes:

- Focused series of professional development
- Peer mentorship
- Opportunity to stay current on health matters as they pertain to children and youth
- Pedagogical skills-building based on current best practice
- Opportunities to learn from experts in the field

III. FUNDING

The DOE does not charge fees for VCHE membership, workshops, or related activities. No funding is available for membership so potential costs incurred by the school for VCHE membership may include member's travel, incidentals, or any overnight stays if applicable.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This commitment to participate shall be effective upon the signature of the principal/administrator, the VCHE member and the AOE. It shall be valid for the 2013-2014 school year.

All parties indicate agreement by their signatures.

(VCHE member – health educator)

(date)

(School Principal / Administrator)

(date)

(AOE student health and learning team representative)

(date)